Thursday, February 12, 2009

Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 10

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the legal services agreement with Richards, Rodriguez & Skeith, Attorneys at Law, for legal services related to annexation of the Peninsula area in the amount of \$9,500, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$84,700.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

Prior Council Action: July 24, 2008, Council approved \$25,500 increase.

In 2007, the City of Austin hired Daniel Richards of Hilgers, Bell & Richards, LLP, to provide legal representation in connection with annexation of the Peninsula area. The original contract amount was for \$39,700, with an amendment for a \$10,000 increase in February, 2008. Council approved an amendment increase of \$25,500, in July 2008. The current requested amendment is for \$9,500, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$84,700. The increase would allow the payment of remaining fees and costs in this matter.